

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Serial No.: Not yet assigned ) Group Art Unit:  
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Filed: June 19, 2001 ) Examiner:

For: PASSIVE POLARIZATION STABILIZER

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Preliminary Amendment

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title, insert the following new paragraph

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No.

60/214,501, filed June 27, 2000, which is incorporated by reference herein, and  
claims the right to priority based on European Application No. 00305236.2 filed  
June 21, 2000.--

Remarks

This amendment to the specification is made under 35 U.S.C. 119(e)(1)  
and 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(4) to identify the U.S. provisional application and under 35  
U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) to identify the foreign priority document benefits of the  
specification.

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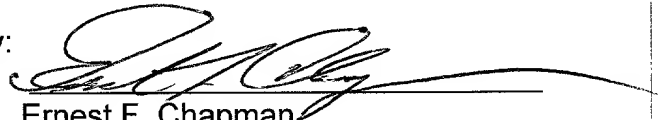
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